



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 04-39; The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 04-38; Cape Light Compact, D.T.E. 07-47; Fitchburg Gas and Electric Company, D.T.E. 05-53, D.P.U.08-30; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 08-8; New England Gas Company – Fall River Service Territory, D.T.E. 04-42; New England Gas Company – North Attleboro Service Territory, D.T.E. 04-43; NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 08-10; NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 04-37, D.P.U. 08-36

FROM: Benjamin Spruill, Hearing Officer

RE: Reply Comments on Proposals to Increase Funding for Residential Energy Efficiency Programs

DATE: August 27, 2008

CC: Attached Service List

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### I. INTRODUCTION

On July 16, 2008, the Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) requested that the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) consider an immediate increase in funding for energy efficiency programs targeted at residential heating end-uses. On July 25, 2008, the Department issued a letter in response to DOER’s request, asking that all energy efficiency Program Administrators file proposals to increase spending for residential heating programs effective as soon as feasible, and covering the 2008 winter season (“Proposals”).

Additionally, the Department held a technical conference on July 29, 2008 to discuss issues and concerns that Program Administrators, the Attorney General, and non-utility parties may have with implementing the funding increases. On August 1, 2008, the Department issued a Hearing Officer memorandum that outlined the filing instructions for the proposals and comments. This memorandum provides filing instructions for submitting reply comments to the Department.

## II. FILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPLY COMMENTS

- Reply comments from interested parties should be filed with the Department no later than **5:00 P.M., Friday, September 5, 2008.**
- All reply comments should be submitted pursuant to standard Department filing procedures.<sup>1</sup> An electronic copy of all reply comments should also be distributed to the attached service list.
- All reply comments that refer to a specific proposal should reference the appropriate docket number.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Benjamin N. Spruill, Hearing Officer, at 617-305-3735 or [benjamin.spruill@state.ma.us](mailto:benjamin.spruill@state.ma.us).

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<sup>1</sup> All documents should be filed with Mary Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, all documents should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and the hearing officer [[benjamin.spruill@state.ma.us](mailto:benjamin.spruill@state.ma.us)]; or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, disk label, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the subject matter of the filing (e.g., the appropriate docket number); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe Acrobat (version 7 or higher). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel (version 2000). The Department strongly encourages filers to avoid submitting scanned files but will accept them for posting when an alternative version does not exist in electronic format. In addition, if the petitioner, applicant, or any other participant has already filed a document relevant to this proceeding, such as the initial petition, application, or filing, without providing an electronic copy of that document, such entity is directed to do so in compliance with the above electronic filing requirements as soon as practicable. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.